

By: Senator(s) Davis, Flowers

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 502

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MAJOR
2 ROBERT DOUGLAS FERGUSON FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL COMMAND OF TROOP A,
3 98TH CAVALRY, MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD, WHICH WAS DEPLOYED FOR
4 WARTIME SERVICE DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

5 WHEREAS, Major Robert Douglas Ferguson was selected by
6 Brigadier General Roger L. Shields, Commander of the 155th
7 Separate Armored Brigade, to command Troop A, 98th Cavalry,
8 Mississippi National Guard (Hernando, Mississippi) in April 2003;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Major Ferguson is a Hernando, Mississippi, native
11 and 17-year National Guard veteran; and

12 WHEREAS, Major Ferguson and Troop A, 98th Cavalry, deployed
13 to Iraq in January 2005 after four months of intense combat
14 training at Camp Shelby; and

15 WHEREAS, Troop A, which is made up of 171 Mississippi
16 National Guard soldiers from Desoto County and across the State of
17 Mississippi, was deployed for a one-year tour of duty in Iraq in
18 an aggressive and hostile combat zone; and

19 WHEREAS, Major Ferguson is completing his fourth command,
20 previously commanding Company D, 2nd Battalion, 198th Armor,
21 Company C, 2nd Battalion, 198th Armor, and Headquarters Company,
22 2nd Battalion, 198th Armor of the Mississippi Army National Guard;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Major Ferguson also served on active duty as
25 Coordinator of 2nd Battalion, 198th Armor's rotation to the
26 National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, as well as
27 Deployment Action Officer to National Guard Bureau, where he was

28 instrumental in preparing the 155th Brigade Combat Team for
29 deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

30 WHEREAS, Major Ferguson has received the following military
31 awards: Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge, Meritorious Service
32 Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Two
33 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with One Oak Leaf
34 Cluster, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Four Oak Leaf
35 Clusters; and

36 WHEREAS, Major Ferguson earned the respect of his soldiers,
37 peers and leaders, resulting in successful combat missions and
38 humanitarian, stability and support operations; and

39 WHEREAS, Ferguson, 35, has baccalaureate, master's, and
40 Master's of Fine Arts degrees from the University of Memphis and
41 currently serves as an educator in the Hernando school system and
42 the University of Memphis; and

43 WHEREAS, Major Ferguson always put the welfare of his
44 soldiers first and foremost, and continually supported them
45 throughout their tour of duty; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we note this significant
47 event in the history of the Mississippi National Guard, and
48 recognize this military professional who has brought honor to his
49 unit, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do hereby commend and congratulate Major Robert Douglas
53 Ferguson for his successful command of the Troop A, 98th Cavalry,
54 Mississippi National Guard, to include wartime service during
55 Operation Iraqi Freedom, and extend to him and his family the best
56 wishes of the Legislature on his future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 Major Ferguson, forwarded to the Adjutant General of the
59 Mississippi National Guard and made available to the Capitol Press
60 Corps.